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On instructions from my Government, I should like to reaffirm what I told you during our meeting this evening, 14 November 1998, namely, that the letter dated 14 November 1998 from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, addressed to the Secretary-General, included an appendix containing the views and preferences of the Iraqi Government with regard to the substance of the comprehensive review. These views are not linked to the clear and unconditional decision of the Iraqi Government to resume cooperation with the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

It is clear that the Iraqi decision of 14 November 1998 means that the previous decisions to restrict or suspend cooperation with the Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency have become void, and that the Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency are henceforth able to continue all their activities in Iraq pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Council and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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